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T/REL  
DRSP  
and  
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DIRECTOR

25X1A

[REDACTED]

ACTION:

INFO:

IMMEDIATE

RYBAT

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IN 67096

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[REDACTED] RYBAT

FROM SHELTON

1. REF ARTICLE 352 ACCIDENT.

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2. MET WITH [REDACTED] AND MR

25X1A

[REDACTED] TO DISCUSS SALVAGE OPERATIONS. TO THIS POINT NOTHING DEFINITE RESOLVED ON SALVAGE SINCE MAJOR EFFORT RIGHTFULLY PLACED ON PILOT RESCUE.

3. THE FOLLOWING WAS AGREED UPON OR DISCUSSED BY ALL PRESENT:

A. WE PROBABLY HAVE UNDERWATER WRECKAGE FAIRLY WELL PIN-POINTED FROM EYE WITNESS REPORTS FROM THE SHORE NEAR BY. ASSUMING NO DRIFT OF ARTICLE I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT WE WILL FIND SOMETHING WITHIN A TWO TO THREE THOUSAND FOOT CIRCLE. DEPTH OF WATER NOT ESTABLISHED HOWEVER, CURSORY ESTIMATES RANGE FROM THREE TO SIX HUNDRED FEET PLUS DEPENDING ON EXACT DISTANCE FROM SHORE.

25X1A

B. TIME IS OF ESSENCE TO GET SOMETHING FIRM UNDERWAY.

[REDACTED] RECOMMENDS COMMERCIAL SALVAGE SINCE WATERS ARE

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GROUP 1  
EXCLUDED FROM AUTO-  
MATIC DOWNGRADING  
AND DECLASSIFICATION

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25X1A PROBABLY FAMILIAR TO SEAMEN WORKING OUT OF [ ] UNABLE 25X1A  
25X1A TO ESTIMATE COST BUT [ ] FEELS EXPENSE WILL BE 25X1A  
VERY REASONABLE ESPECIALLY WITH [ ] MAKING DIRECT CONTACT 25X1A  
ETC.

25X1A C. WEEKEND SCHEDULES BOTH HQS AND HERE PLUS A [ ] 25X1A  
25X1A [ ] WILL FURTHER SLOW DOWN GETTING FULL 25X1A  
COORDINATION AND A FIRM PLAN ESTABLISHED USING [ ] 25X1A  
25X1A [ ] CAPABILITIES. NO ONE HERE HAS ANY IDEA ON  
WHAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, ACTUAL CAPABILITY OR WHEN EITHER OF  
THESE CAPABILITIES COULD COMMENCE OPERATION.

25X1A D. AGREED BY ALL THAT WE WOULD PERSUE ALL THREE METHODS  
25X1A [ ] AND EMPLOY THE ONE WHICH  
CAN EFFECTIVELY DO THE JOB QUICKEST.

25X1A 4. REQUEST [ ] BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO COMMIT FUNDS,  
WITHIN REASON, FOR COMMERCIAL SALVAGE [ ] IF THIS STILL 25X1A  
LOOKS LIKE THE BEST AND FASTEST METHOD TOMORROW.

5. NOTHING NEW TO REPORT ON SAR TODAY, NOR AM I ABLE TO ADD  
TO IDENTIFICATION OF OBJECTS SIGHTED AND REPORTED ON YESTERDAYS  
RESULTS. LOOKS LIKE OUR BEST CHANCES HINGE ON SALVAGE AND  
ANYTHING THAT MIGHT SURFACE AND WASH ASHORE IN THE FUTURE.

END OF MESSAGE

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